PRESBYTERIANISM.

OLDEST CHURCH IN THE STATE.

The Flinders-street Presbyterian Church is the oldest Presbyterian church in the city of Melbourne. It was founded in 1839, a little over two years after the foundation of the city; and it is said that when the church was first built, it was a small structure, having only two rooms, one for the minister's residence, and the other for the church service. The church was then in the midst of a jungle, and the only other building in the vicinity was a small storehouse.

In 1841, a larger church was built, and in 1850, the present church was erected. The church is of brick, and is one of the finest churches in the city. It is said to be the oldest church building in Australia.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a friend of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Poole, and having been a member of the congregation for many years, I have no hesitation in saying that I am sure every one must admire the way in which they have taken in this matter. It was never a question of the church being used for the sake of the University, which we all know Mr. Poole for over 25 years, and who has always been a true man. He fears no man and will not be taken advantage of by any rascal. He never took a man when he was down, and when he was up he never gave away his own. He enjoyed South Australia's beautiful climate and made a visit to the south of his country and continued good health. I am, sir, etc.

S. A. Poole.

"JUSTICE."